Thailand

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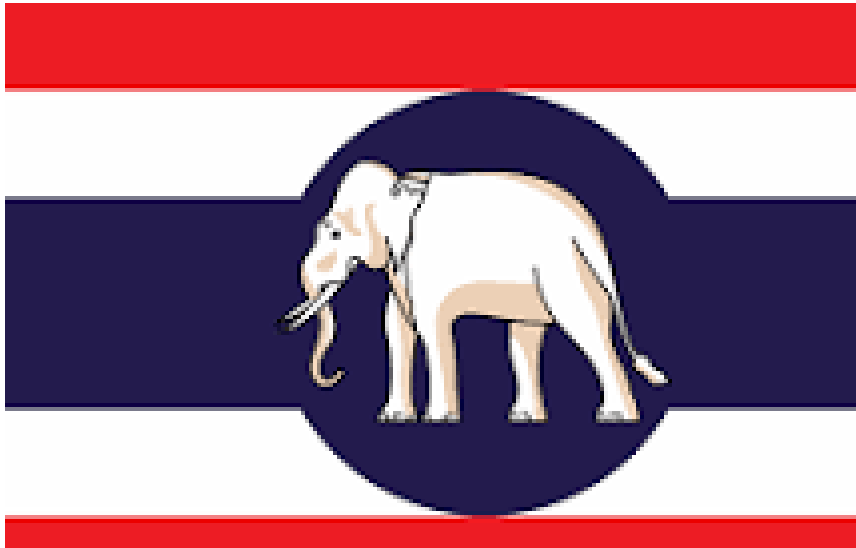
General information

- Official Name: Kingdom of Thailand
- Location: Southeast Asia
- Capital: Krung Thep Maha Nakhon (AKA. Bangkok)
- Area: 513,120 km²
- Borders: Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Malaysia, Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea
- Currency: Thai Baht

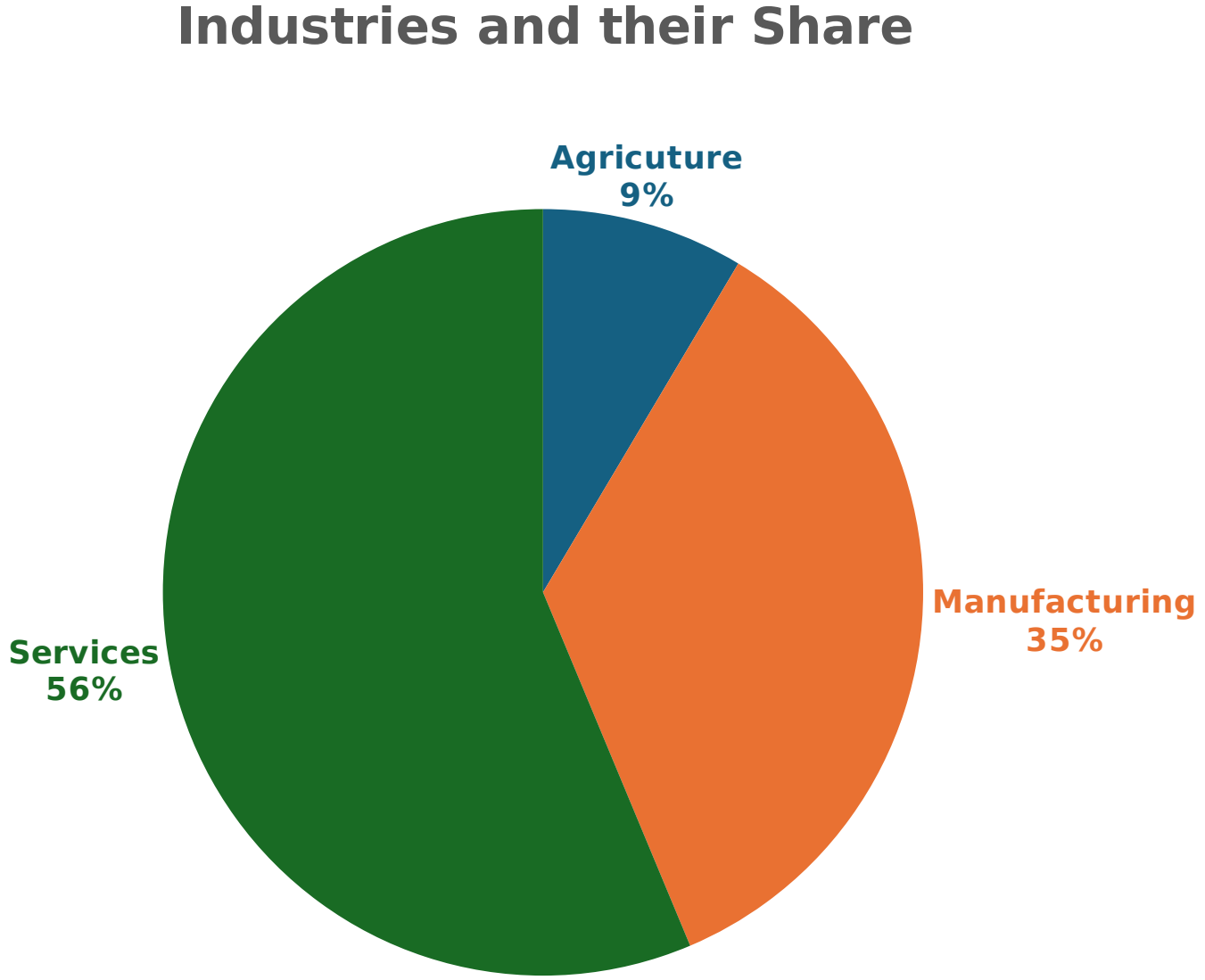
General information

- Population: 71.8 million (2023)
- Current Monarch: King Rama X (since 2016)
- ASEAN Membership: Joined on August 8, 1967
- National mascot: Elephant (cultural, spiritual, historical significance)
- Tropical Climate: Hot and humid most of the year.
- Best time to visit Thailand:
  - November to February (suitable for sightseeing)
  - March to May (ideal for island and beach destinations)



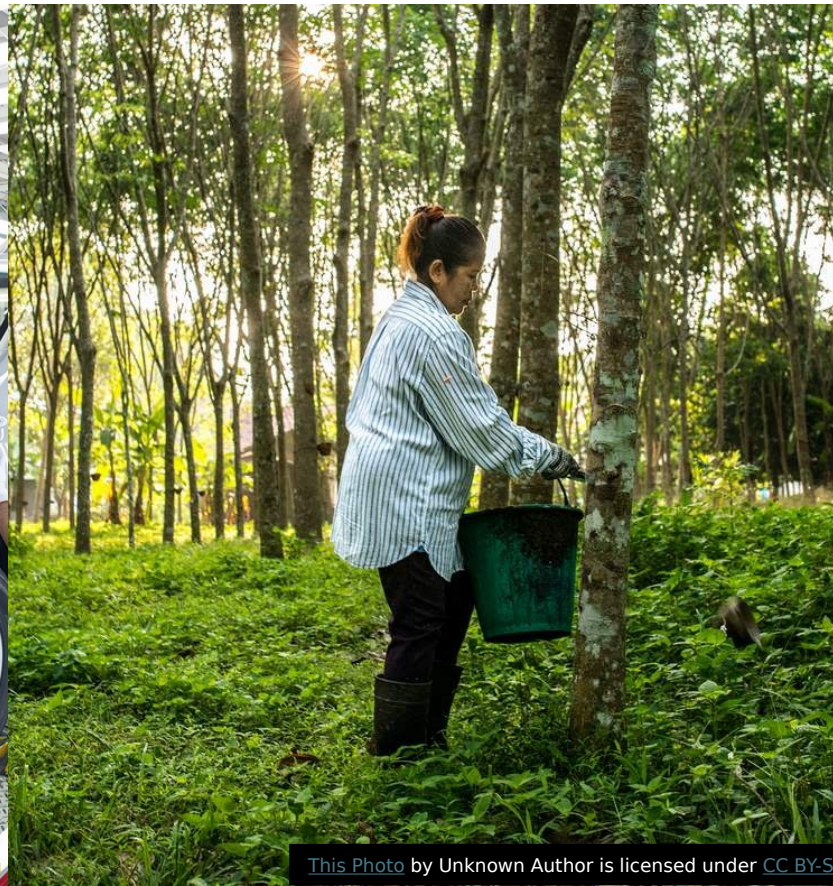
Economy

- GDP: USD 514.95 billion (2023) (approx. 19.8% larger than Vietnam’s GDP)
- The economy is diversified across several key sectors.



Industries and their Share:

- Agriculture (8.57% of GDP): Rice, rubber, shrimp
- Manufacturing (35% of GDP): Electronics, automotive, petrochemicals
- Services (56.2% of GDP): Tourism, healthcare, finance
- Note: Thailand is the largest producer of natural rubber globally



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Culture

Language

- Standard Thai: 70–80% (national and official language)
- Isaan: 20–30% (spoken in the northeastern region)
- Minority & Indigenous Languages: 5–10%
- English: 10–20% (urban and educated populations)

Religions

- Buddhism: 93–94% (major influence on culture and traditions)
- Islam: 5–6% (primarily in southern provinces)
- Others: Christianity (1%), Hinduism (<1%)

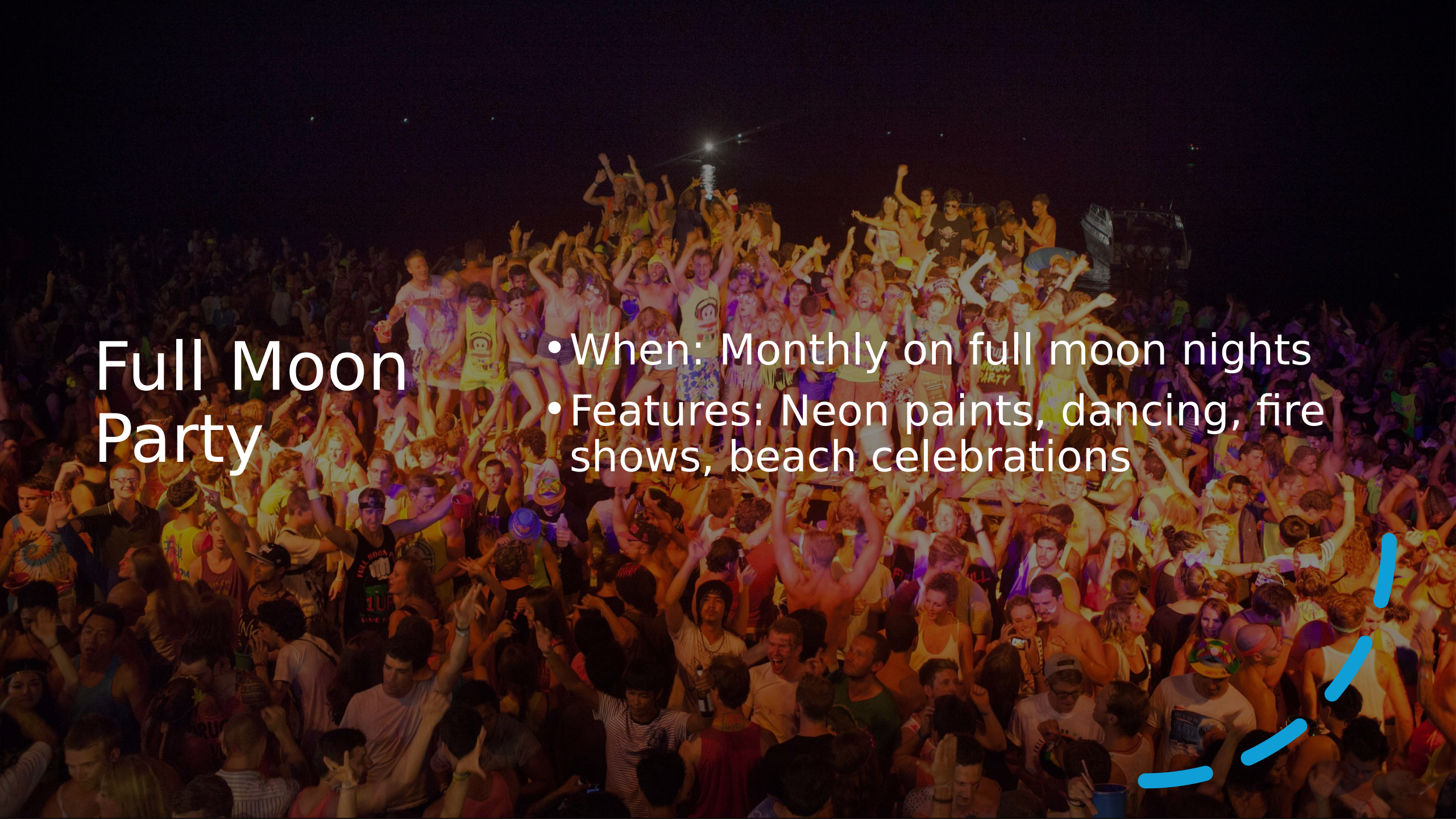
Major Holidays

Songkran (Thai New Year)

- When: April 13–15
- Features: World’s largest water festival, water fights to cleanse bad luck
- Popular Locations: Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Pattaya

King’s Birthday:

- When: July 28
- Significance: Celebrations and ceremonies honoring the monarch



Full Moon Party

- When: Monthly on full moon nights
- Features: Neon paints, dancing, fire shows, beach celebrations

Films

- **Girl From Nowhere** (Netflix Series)
- Premiere: August 8, 2018
- Seasons: 2 (as of now)
- Main actor: Chicha Amatayakul
- Plot: Explores societal flaws through Nanno, a mysterious girl exposing the dark secrets of schools.
- Themes:
  - Morality & Karma
  - Societal Issues
  - Empowerment
- Notable elements:
  - Nanno’s Character
  - Unique Structure
  - Dark & Satirical Tone
- Critical acclaimed:
  - Recognized for challenging norms in storytelling and addressing taboo topics.
  - Lauded for Chicha Amatayakul's captivating performance as Nanno.

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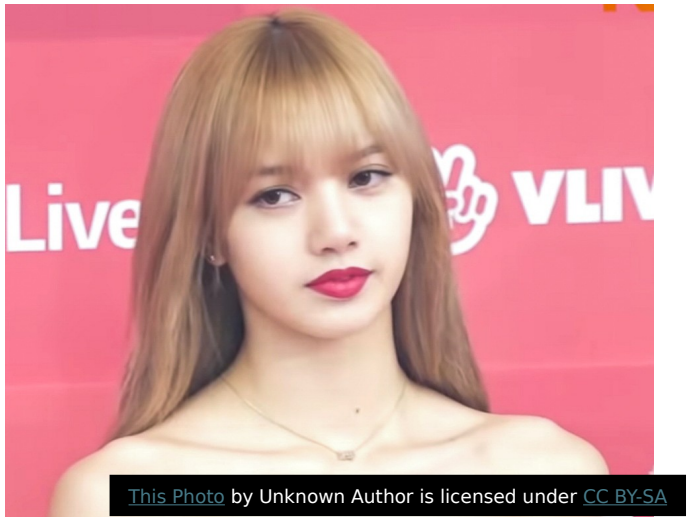

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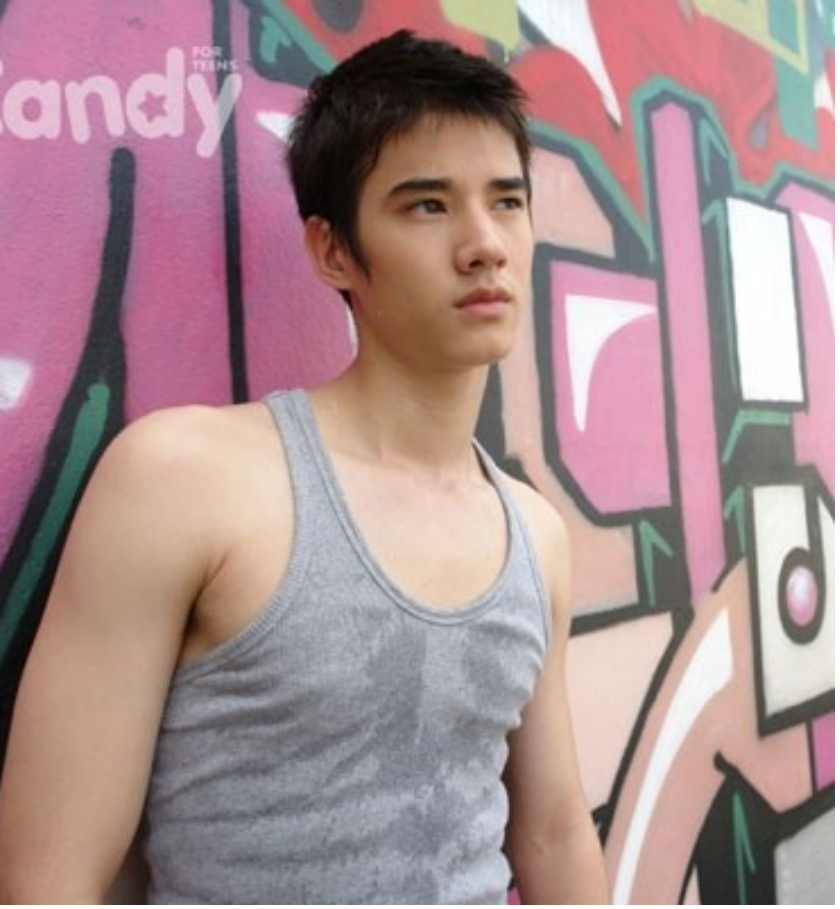
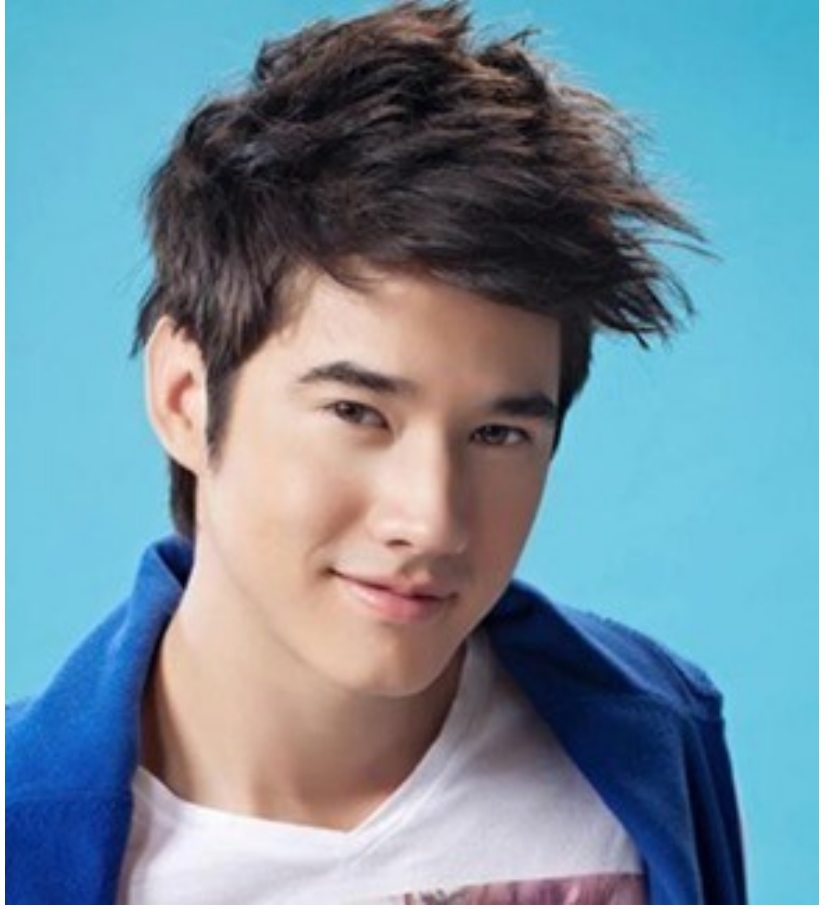
Famous celebrities:

- **Lalisa Manoban (Lisa)**
- Profession: Singer, Dancer, Rapper (BLACKPINK member)
  - Born: March 27, 1997, Buriram, Thailand
  - Key achievement:
    - First Thai K-pop idol in BLACKPINK.
    - Solo debut with LALISA in 2021, breaking global records.
    - Renowned for her charisma, dance skills, and global influence in music and fashion.





Celebrities:

- **Mario Maurer**
- Profession: Actor, Model
  - Born: December 4, 1988, Bangkok, Thailand
  - Key achievement:
    - Gained fame from Love of Siam (2007).
    - Starred in Pee Mak (2013), one of Thailand’s highest-grossing films.
    - Internationally recognized as a leading figure in Thai entertainment.

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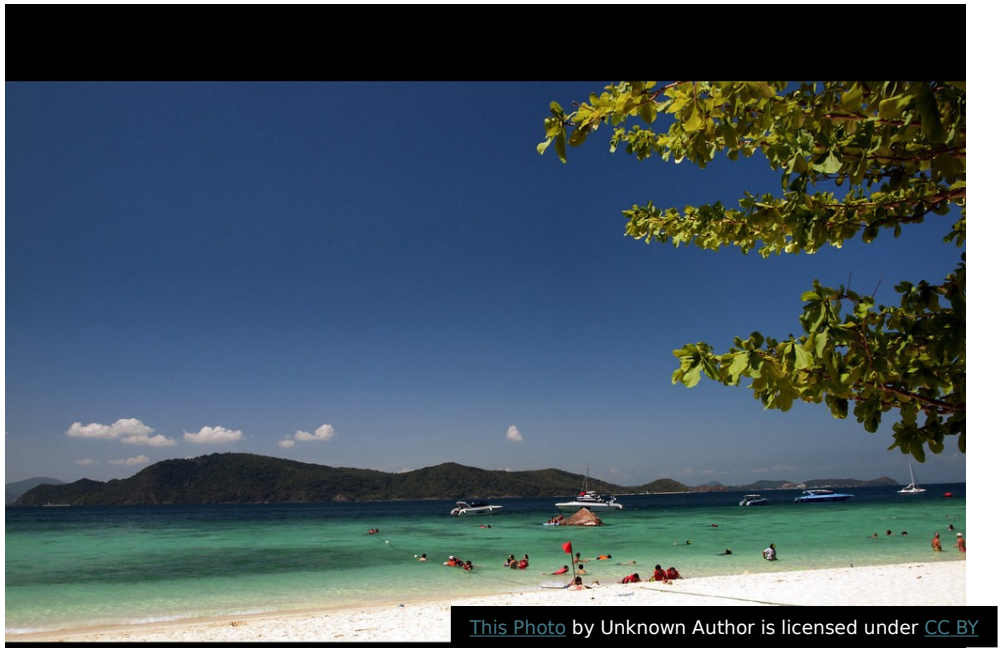
Cuisine

- **Guay Teow**: Noodle dish with meat, lime, chili, and fish sauce
- **Tom Yum Goong**: Spicy-sour shrimp soup with lemongrass and lime
- **Tom Kha Gai**: Coconut milk-based chicken soup with galangal and lime
- **Som Tam**: Green papaya salad with tangy, spicy flavors

Tourist Attractions

- Beaches and Islands:
  - **Phuket**:
    - Patong Beach
    - Phang Nga Bay
    - James Bond Island
  - **Krabi**:
    - Railay Beach
    - Phi Phi Islands
  - **Pattaya**:
    - Coral Island



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Tourist Attractions

- **Temples and Religious Sites:**
  - **Bangkok**:
    - Wat Arun
    - Wat Phra Kaew
  - **Chiang Mai**:
    - Doi Suthep Temple

Tourist Attractions

- **Markets and Shopping**
  - **Bangkok**:
    - Chatuchak Night Market
  - **Pattaya**:
    - Floating Market

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